

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) to (iv) Yes. Representations have been received from Messrs. The Catholic Knights' Association, Palluruthi.

(b) Yes. The Municipal Commissioner has been asked to bestow more attention on matters referred to above.

(c) No answer is required in view of the answer to (b).

RICKSHAW STANDS

401. Mr. P. K. Dewar (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Rickshaws in—

(i) Ernakulam town;

(ii) Mattancheri Municipality;

(b) the number of licensed Rickshaw Pullers in—

(i) Ernakulam town;

(ii) Mattancheri town;

(c) the number of cart-stands in Mattancheri and Ernakulam Municipality separately?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) and (ii) In 1120, there were 490 Rickshaws in Ernakulam and 421 in Mattancheri.

(b) (i) and (ii) In 1120 there were 1046 licensed Rickshaw Pullers in Ernakulam and 1248 in Mattancheri.

(c) In Ernakulam there are 9 cart-stands and in Mattancheri 5. Besides these, there are 24 Hackney stands in Mattancheri and 10 in Ernakulam.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

402. Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the function of the Vigilance Committee in the State;

(b) whether they are authorised to make reports to the authorities concerned about the misbehaviour of the Police, if any;

(c) whether the Government is in a position to quote a few such instances as the Vigilance Committee of any place have reported against any police officer for his misbehaviour, if any; what action the Government have taken on that?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) The Vigilance Committees are intended to be of general help to the Police in getting information on all matters of interest to the Police in regard to crimes, criminals, etc.

(b) They are in no better position than others for that matter.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—ARIMPUR SCHOOL

403. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (*Oorakam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) have any accidents taken place during the past three years at the road curve near the Arimpur Bridge on the Trichur-Kandassankadavu Road;

(b) if so, what is the number of such accidents;

(c) what is the distance between this curve and the nearest school;

(d) were any school children involved in any of such accidents;

(e) is there any caution board or other traffic control measure at this point;

(f) have Government received any petition from any body requesting to make traffic control arrangements at this point;

(g) if so, what steps have Government taken in this matter?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) One.

(c) About 1½ furlongs.

(d) Yes; one boy studying in M. S. Arimbur.

(e) Yes. There are caution boards on either side of the school.

(f) Yes.

(g) The Government considered the request but decided that it was unnecessary to create a traffic point at this place.

404. Mr. M. K. Raja (Mulakunnathukavu): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government accept the view of the Manu Subedar Committee (Vide para 71 of their report) that suitable location for a ship-building industry exists in the Cochin Harbour area;

(b) whether any ships or vessel larger than boats have till now been constructed by any private party in this area;

(c) whether the Government proposes to exploit this natural facility for the encouragement of ship-building industry in the State by inviting private parties within or without the State to start an industry of this type here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) Yes.

(b) Messrs. Brunton & Co., have reported that they have built sloops and trawlers for the Admiralty.

(c) The Government will afford facilities to people willing to start this industry in the State.

PUTHENKULAM—CONDITION OF

405. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (Kunnamkulam): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is not "Puthenkulam" of Pazhani village situated nearest to the Pazhanji town;

(b) where is "Kunjukulam" (കുഞ്ഞുകുളം) of Pazhanji situated;

(c) is it not situated on the border of Pazhanji village;

(d) is not "Kunjukulam" (കുഞ്ഞുകുളം) used mainly for washing agricultural cattle;

(e) whether "Puthenkulam" (പുത്തൻകുളം) is more useful for the Pazhanji Public for bathing purposes;

(f) whether "Puthenkulam" (പുത്തൻകുളം) is used for washing cattle;

(g) is not "Puthenkulam" (പുത്തൻകുളം) in a dilapidated state now?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) Yes.

(b) Kunjukulam is situated on the eastern side of Pazhanji village close to the border of Pazhanji village.

(c) Yes.

(d) No. It is used for bathing and washing purposes also.

(e) Puthenkulam is more useful to the people residing in the town, and for others Kunjukulam is more useful.

(f) Puthenkulam is not used for washing cattle.

(g) Puthenkulam is not in a dilapidated condition. Yet it stands in need of repairs.

ARTICLE IN SNEHITAN

406. Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have perused the article entitled "നെമ്മാറയിലെ പൊതുകുളങ്ങൾ" in the "Snehitam", dated 18th Thulam 1121 (Vol. 9 No. 10).

(b) whether it is a fact that Christians and Ezhuvas are not allowed to make use of the two public tanks in Nemmara as alleged in the article;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what action has been taken by the Government to see that all classes of His Highness' subjects are allowed to make use of these tanks?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) yes.

(b) No. the Christians and Ezhuvas are not prohibited from using them.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (b) above.

ARECANUTS—PRICES OF

407. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കുഞ്ഞുനെയ്ത്തുറ.

താഴെ ചേർന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന് മറുപടി പറയാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ മിഥുനം, കർക്കടകം, ചിങ്ങം, കന്നി, തുലാം എന്നീ മാസങ്ങളിൽ ഓട്ടുപാറ അടക്ക ചന്തയിലും കൊക്കാല അടക്ക ചന്തയിലും പച്ചടക്ക തുലാത്തിന് ശരാശരി എത്ര വിലയായിരുന്ന നിലവിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതു്;

(ബി) തലേവപ്പത്തിൽ ഇതേമാസങ്ങളിൽ ഈ ചന്തകളിലെ നിലവാരം എന്തായിരുന്നു?